

Native American Career and Technical Education Program (NACTEP)

GRANTEE: Tohatchi Area of Opportunity & Services, Inc.

TYPE OF INSTITUTION: Tribal Organization

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FEDERAL AWARD: \$335,391

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PROJECT SUMMARY:

Tohatchi Area of Opportunity & Services, Inc. (TAOS, Inc) is a training center providing instructional programs in the areas of Building and Trades, Culinary Arts, Computer/Office Skills and Landscaping/Horticulture to students on the Navajo Nation. Utilizing performance-based assessment with interdisciplinary teaching that have classes integrating technological tools into approaches and methods, including hands-on experience, that facilitate integrated learning which aids in dealing with increasingly diverse learners including limited English proficiency and meeting the needs of special education students. By keeping our curriculum culturally relevant, it allows the instructors to relate lessons and their objectives to present and future situations involving internships, postsecondary education, apprenticeships, and jobs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- To enroll 78 in the four education programs with 56 students completing their courses and prescribed training and 27 of the students completing their course work will be placed into jobs or apprenticeships.
- Will increase by 70% the number of students who will achieve proficiency in reading, language arts and mathematics resulting in improving their skill level in the program of their choosing.
- By providing relevant career opportunities through the four programs, 29 students will obtain the education and training for entry and placement into postsecondary courses or advanced training opportunities.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL(S) OF PARTICIPANTS:

Secondary

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION TRAINING AREAS:

AREA	CERTIFICATION STATUS
Culinary Arts	Certificate
Computer/Office Skills	Certificate
Building and Trades	Certificate/NCCER
Landscaping/Horticulture	Certificate

AVAILABLE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS:

Counseling
Transportation
Child Care
Housing and Meals (provided by TAOS)

NUMBER OF PROGRAM SITES: 1

PARTNERSHIPS & COLLABORATIVES:

Advisory Committee
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Gallup Housing Authority
Workforce Development
Workforce Solutions Apprenticeship Programs
Potential Employers

ACCREDITATION STATUS:

Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL)